

HOUSE BILL 2585

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,  
Chapter 39, Part 2, relative to the Sexual Offender  
and Violent Sexual Offender Registration,  
Verification and Tracking Act of 2004.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-203, is amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (i):

( ) Any electronic mail address information, any instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or identity information that the person uses or intends to use;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-203, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (a)(5):

(a)(5) Within thirty (30) minutes of an offender changing his or her electronic mail address information, any instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or identity information that the person uses or intends to use, whether within or without the state of Tennessee, the offender shall report the change to the offender's registering agency, either in person or electronically. If a probation or parole officer becomes aware of a change electronic mail address information, any instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or identity information for any of the officer's probationers or parolees required to register, the probation or parole officer shall notify the TBI upon learning of such change.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-203, is amended by adding the following new subsection (m):

(m) Registry information regarding all registered offender's electronic mail address information, any instant message, chat or other Internet communication name

or identity information may be electronically transmitted by the TBI to a business or organization that offers electronic communication or remote computing services for the purpose of prescreening users or for comparison with information held by the requesting business or organization. In order to obtain the information from the TBI, the requesting business or organization that offers electronic communication or remote computing services shall agree to notify the TBI forthwith when a comparison indicates that any such registered sex offender's electronic mail address information, any instant message, chat or other Internet communication name or identity information is being used on their system. The requesting business or organization shall also agree that the information will not be further disseminated.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.